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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IR

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION IN IGAT GAS PIPELINE

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1. KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL JULY 11 REPORTED THAT EARLY MORNING EXPLOSION JULY 10 FORCED TEMPORARY SHUTDOWN OF IGAT PIPELINE TO USSR. NIGC SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID EXPLOSION PRESUMABLY DUE TO PUNCTURE. NIGC IMMEDIATELY SHUT DOWN PIPELINE AND DISPATCHED LARGE TEAM TO SITE OF RUPTURE. EXPLOSION AND RESULTING FIRE MELTED OVER 60 METERS OF PIPELINE, BUT APPARENTLY NO PUMPING STATIONS DAMAGED. NIGC SPOKESMAN SAID COMPANY "WOULD SPARE NO EXPENSES OR FACILITIES TO FIX THE DAMAGED PIPELINE." NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

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2. HIGH NIGC OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF JULY 11 THAT PRESS

REPORT WAS ACCURATE AND THAT EXPLOSION WAS "ABSOLUTELY AN ACCIDENT." HE SAID NIGC HAS IN STOCK ALL MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR REPAIR OF PIPELINE AND THAT REPAIRS HOPEFULLY CAN BE COMPLETED IN A FEW DAYS. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. AMERICAN HEAD OF IGAT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TOLD ECONCOUNS SOME WEEKS AGO THAT WRAPPING ON LARGE PARTS OF PIPELINE WAS SO CARELESS THAT IT DOES NOT OVERLAP ITSELF, THUS LEAVING INNUMERABLE STRIPS OF EXPOSED METAL. HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE CORROSION BECAUSE OF THIS AND PREDICTED CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH LEAKS AND PUNCTURES. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.  
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